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IN HONOR OF SERGEANT SEAN DRISCOLL, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION, UNITED STATES ARMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. GINGREY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with the Members of the House and the American people my experiences visiting Walter Reed Army Medical Center yesterday. I had the pleasure and the honor of visiting some true American patriots who were severely injured in Operation Iraqi Freedom and are currently recuperating at Walter Reed. I was especially pleased to meet with Sergeant Terry Jones, a reservist, from Columbus, Georgia, Fort Benning, who served bravely in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Mr. Speaker, my visit to Walter Reed was one of the most moving things I have done since coming to Congress in January. I felt it was important to let these heroes of Operation Iraqi Freedom know how much we in Congress appreciate their sacrifices. I wanted to relay to them my belief that through their heroic deeds, they have made the

United States a safer place for all Americans and brought precious freedom and democracy to the people of Iraq.

Mr. Speaker, yesterday I also had the pleasure to meet with Sergeant Sean Driscoll of Clarksville, Tennessee, and his wife Georgette. Sergeant Driscoll was recently wounded in Iraq as part of his operations serving in the Army's 101 Airborne Division.

Mr. Speaker, I could talk at great length about Sergeant Driscoll's dedication and sacrifice to his Nation during a 15-year career in the Army, as well as about my immense gratitude for all that he has done to advance freedom across the world. But I think that his 18-year-old daughter, Antoinette, has paid tribute to her father much better than my words could.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I would like to read the following testimonial written by Antoinette Driscoll about her father, Sergeant Sean Driscoll, so that it can be placed into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

It is titled "Hero."

"Words cannot express how proud I am to be able to say that my Dad is a HERO. There are people who have parents that are doctors that save and rehabilitate people everyday, but my Dad is far greater. Some parents save others from fiery buildings or patrol the streets at night, but my Dad is far more dignified. Those people may be heroes in their own way, but my Dad is far more superior than they. For my Dad is a soldier, defending our wonderful nation, putting in countless hours of sweat, tears, and selfless sacrifice and service for those who live in the United States.

"My Dad is the one who fights and risks his own life for us privileged Americans. He makes sure that doctors have a place to educate themselves and practice. He makes sure that everyone has the opportunity to find a job, and has a home and an education, and makes sure everyone can sleep safely at night. I can't think of any other who is greater than he. I am proud and honored to be able to love someone like this.

"I can only hope that I will one day follow in his footsteps and defend my country. He has taught me a couple of things which I feel every American should know. One, freedom is not free, and there is no greater Nation than the United States of America. He has served many years and has shed blood for my freedom. I could never thank him enough for all that he has done. Not just for me, but for my family, friends, and people who he doesn't even know. I hope that one day I'll be able to fight for him, so he can live safely and rest when he comes home. I love him for these reasons and many more."

Mr. Speaker, I think this statement from Antoinette Driscoll poignantly demonstrates her love and admiration for her father. It is also important to note that Antoinette will soon enter the United States Air Force herself,

and her younger 16-year-old brother will join the service in a few years as well.

The Driscoll family has demonstrated to me great resolve in the face of difficult circumstances. Even though Sergeant Sean Driscoll was severely wounded in Operation Iraqi Freedom and he has spent many months away from home, his family remains undaunted in its commitment to serving our Nation. They can teach all of us a valuable lesson in sacrifice and dedication to the American ideal.

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(Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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